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Amounts distributed under the Well-subsidy Schemes.

* 82 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the amounts distributed under the various Well-subsidy Schemes, old and new, are (year-war), the number of wells dug and completed (year-war), the number of wells in progress of construction and the number of wells yet to be dug; and

(*b*) whether the amounts were distributed as subsidy and loans and if so, what those amounts under these two heads are (year-war)?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) The particulars required by the hon. Member are contained in the statement [a] placed on the table of the House.

" (*b*) The amounts under the 1944 well-subsidy scheme and the Accelerated and Ceded Districts Modified Wells Schemes were distributed as subsidy in the first instance while the amounts under the subsequent schemes were paid as loans in the first instance convertible into subsidy on the successful completion of the well."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the whole loan will be treated as subsidy or only a part of the loan? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Sir, there is a target for each area. In some areas it is Rs. 500 and in some other areas it is Rs. 750. The entire amount is treated as subsidy according to the ceiling fixed for each area."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Supposing a person has got his loan, carried out the conditions of the loan and has completed the well and other people in the area have not done so. May I know, Sir, whether he is to be penalised because the others did not complete their wells? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Sir, each individual applies for a subsidy. The subsidy amount, as I said, varies from area to area. In areas where it is easier to dig a well the subsidy is Rs. 500. In other areas it is Rs. 750, to the extent that the amount is advanced. After the completion of the well, when there is a report that the well has been successfully completed, the amount of Rs. 500 or Rs. 750 as the case may be, is treated as loan in each individual case. It has nothing to do with the completion or non-completion of other wells in that area."

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[a] **Printed as Appendix I on pages 135–136 infra.**